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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Philip P.M. Finch  
Eric R. Cosman

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APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Asst. Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the ☒ utility ☐ design patent application in this case including:

1. ☐ This application is a ☐ Continuation; ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation in Part of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ [entire genealogy should be set forth].
2. ☒ This application claims priority from Provisional Application No. 60/171,822, filed December 21, 1999.
3. ☒ The application consisting of 22 pages (including specification, claims and abstract).
4. ☒ 2 sheet(s) of drawings is enclosed. The drawings are:
  - a. ☐ formal; or
  - b. ☒ informal; formal drawings will be submitted in due course.
5. ☐ A signed declaration and power of attorney is enclosed.
6. ☒ A declaration and power of attorney is not enclosed at this time since it has not been executed by the inventor(s). A signed declaration and power of attorney will be submitted in due course.

The inventor(s) are: Philip P.M. Finch  
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7. ☐ An Assignment of the invention to Sherwood Services AG is enclosed. Please record the Assignment and return it to the undersigned. TWO DUPLICATE COPIES OF THIS PAPER ARE ENCLOSED.
8. ☐ Amend the specification such that the first line reads as follows:  
(entire genealogy should be set forth): --
9. ☒ The Application filing fee is calculated below.

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Basic Fee:			\$ 710.00
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11. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 21-0550. TWO DUPLICATE COPIES OF THIS SHEET ARE ENCLOSED.

Respectfully submitted,

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